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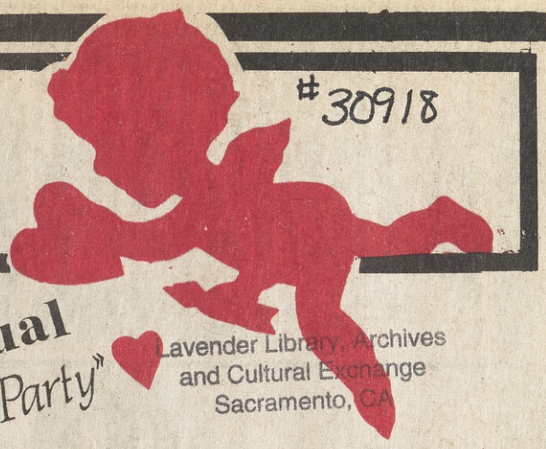

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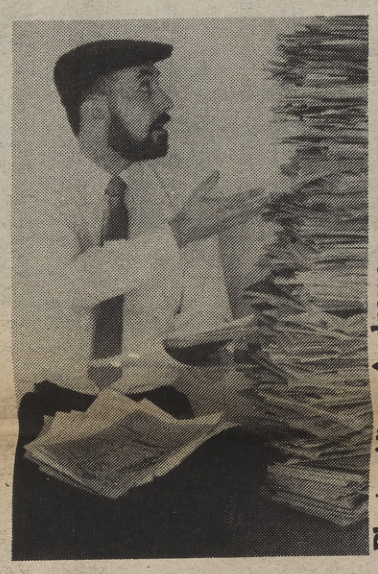

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GUEST EDITORIAL

The Gay Media: It Works!

by Don L. Volk, President
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For the most part, the press in the United States is taken for granted. For some 250 years now, the nation's press has done its work unfettered by governmental interference except for a few instances, such as the Pentagon Papers.

A free press is a critical national resource. Without the freedom to report and comment on the news, the press would become the public relations unit of the powerful. Because the press has had such great opportunity, many people don't realize exactly how important the press is—especially in the gay community.

While some coverage of our community makes its way into the mainstream press, generally news and information that influence our community is not reported there.

Gay publications and broadcasts fulfill a particular and vital need to the community. They look at the news in a special way to determine how legal, social, medical, and psychological issues impact on our community. It may be close to impossible to develop a consensus among our people because of our diversity; but one role of the press is to raise issues for discussion.

Obviously there are a number of other benefits of the community having its own press. For example, our media:

- Informs the community about the community
- Builds self-esteem by reporting accomplishments and successes
- Mobilizes the forces—as with Prop. 64 in California—for the imminent battles
- Chronicles the culture of a people
- Records the political history of a social movement
- Fights civil rights battles for the community that particularly effect the press
- Shows—graphically and editorially—the tremendous diversity of gay people
- Provokes thought by identifying issues concerning the community
- Editorializes on the events and people that make the news

Not an easy task, especially by an industry that is generally underfinanced and understaffed. But dedicated gay people continue to practice their trade and hone their skills because they know by doing their jobs better, they better serve their readership and the community's agenda for advancing civil rights.

Some in the community believe that the presses should not criticize or expose shortcomings by either groups or individuals. Their reasoning is that we should always put the community's "best foot forward." That thinking is a grave disservice to the community.

For one thing, the press' traditional role has been that of watchdog. To only report the best of the community makes publications or broadcasts look like lap dogs and thus reduces the credibility of the media and ultimately the entire community.

For another, looking critically at organizations and/or individuals provides the movement the opportunity of seeking out the best for positions of leadership and guidance. As human beings we all have flaws; but when those flaws inhibit the progress of our civil rights agenda, they should be brought to light.

As the Gay and Lesbian Press Association embarks on its seventh year, we rededicate ourselves to principles of good journalism and responsible reportage. To do otherwise would serve neither our publications and broadcasts nor the community and our fight for full recognition under the law.

Our seventh year will be devoted to taking our place among other national organizations in helping to guide and inform our community and to influencing others about the rights and responsibilities of a diverse minority with a broad political and social agenda.

We hope that the community will look to us as an indispensable community resource and be cognizant of our singular role as gay people to serve the community in a particular and powerful way.

DRUG TESTS RESULTS REPORTED

The results of controlled clinical trials testing the efficacy of the anti-viral agent ribavirin in preventing patients with Lymphadenopathy Syndrome (LAS) from progressing to AIDS were announced recently by Robert H. Finch, former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and now the Chairman of Viratek, Inc. The trials were sponsored by Viratek, Inc., a subsidiary of ICN Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Costa Mesa, California, with financing provided by the Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, New York.

Finch stated that a summary of data was provided to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for its review.

The trials, under way since January 1986 at four major medical centers around the country, involved 163 LAS patients. LAS patients are those who have been exposed to the AIDS virus and have enlarged lymph nodes. A significant number of LAS patients have, in the past, progressed to pre-AIDS or AIDS.

Finch stated that among the 163 patients diagnosed as having LAS, 52 were treated with 800 milligrams and 55 were treated with 600 milligrams of ribavirin daily. Fifty-six of the 163 patients received a placebo. Neither physician nor patient knew which was being administered.

The preliminary data from the trials showed the following: Of the 52 patients who received a daily dosage of 800 milligrams of ribavirin none developed AIDS, while 10 out of 56 patients receiving a placebo progressed into AIDS. Six of 55 patients who were given a 600 milligram dosage of ribavirin developed AIDS.

The clinical trials were the longest and most extensive ever held for any potential anti-viral active against the AIDS virus. The trials were conducted at New York Hospital-Cornell University Medical Center, New York, New York; M.D. Anderson Hospital, Houston, Texas; University of Miami, Miami, Florida; and Los Angeles County/University of Southern California Outpatient Center, Los Angeles, California. The trials were monitored by an Independent Safety and Evaluation Committee which found ribavirin to be well tolerated and without significant side effects.

Clinical trials are continuing on patients with ARC and pre-AIDS.

Seven Februarys

by Ann Muller

Birthdays and wedding anniversaries mark the passage of time in most families. My family recognizes another kind of anniversary. This month, February, is seven years since Jason came out to his dad and me.

Jason's disclosure generated a mix of unhappy feelings in me then, something Mary Borhek, another mother of a gay son and author of ***Coming Out to Parents***, calls "grief reactions." Grief reactions, according to Borhek, are brought about by losses. In my case, the loss of my idea of who Jason was, the loss of my dreams for his future, and the loss of my own sense of having been a good mother. The first loss was real enough. The remaining two were perceived losses that I have since re-processed in other, more positive, ways.

Looking back, I'm struck by the selfishness of my response to Jason's disclosure. It was indeed selfish. It was also a kaleidoscope of sadness, guilt, fear, anger, and an abiding love for my son.

The larger truth is that Jason, his dad, and I had been on a collision course for a long time before February, 1980. Herman and I thought Jason had become a difficult teenager. He had. He was also a gay teenager. All three of us, Jason included, had suspected that second truth at some level of consciousness and had pushed it away. As a result we fought not only one another but our unrecognized homophobia.

These past seven years have brought a lifetime of changes for Jason as well as me. He has not only completed his education and moved to New York City, but he's achieved both financial independence from his folks and an increasingly positive sense of himself. For me, as Jason's mother, those years have been an education, a journey of new experiences. My feelings about being the mother of a gay son are no less intense today than they were in 1980. They are, however, quite different. They're also less kaleidoscopic and less self-centered.

I am, for instance, sorry for the pain the three of us caused one another during Jay's adolescence. I'm sorry, too, for the anguish and guilt so many parents and their gay offspring feel and for the walls we build in our families.

I still feel anger and fear today, but the sources of those feelings have changed. Now my anger is roused by so-called experts who promise "cures" for homosexuality and by the endless "cause" studies that point fingers of blame at parents. And my primary fear today is the toll of AIDS. I also fear the threat of those who are unwilling to tolerate differences in people and the power of preachers and politicians who are anti-gay. I'm afraid, too, of senseless machismo violence and its painful rebound on our families.

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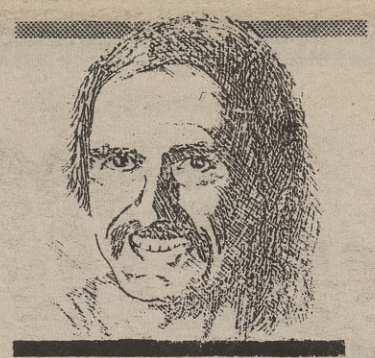

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That is my Valentine's Day Gift to you. This I offer you as an expression of ***my*** love. It is no more than you richly and completely deserve, for you are all that I have just described—and more. Thus, to someone as magnificent as you, what else could I possibly offer except love!

May my Valentine's Day gift enable you to open your heart and be willing to ***receive***! Welcome and accept the warmth of the sun, the beauty of the starlight, the soft music of the wind in the trees, and the symphonies of birds. Welcome the smile of the child and the gentle touch of a friend. Share the blood pulse of the heartbeat of your beloved—whether beside you at this moment, or far away, or yet to be met. Just simply be open, willing, able, receptive. For once you are willing to begin allowing yourself to experience the multidimensional reality of who and what you are and the wondrous and quixotic multi-faceted variety of all others and all things, you will know that you ***are*** your Valentine.

It is ***that*** Valentine that I love...unconditionally!

May you begin to celebrate YOUR Valentine!

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A History Of The American Motorcar

by Doug Robinson

1939 Mercury:
Instant Success
In The Medium Priced Field

On 4 November 38, Edsel Ford introduced a new car to the motoring public. Mercury: symbolizing eloquence, skill, and speed—the winged messenger of the gods.

During the depression years of the 30s, Ford Motor Company survived by offering a quality product at a reasonable price—by taking calculated risks such as the introduction of the V8 engine in 32, and the Lincoln Zephyr line in 36. By the late 30s, it was obvious that there was a need for a low, medium-priced car in the Ford stable. The Ford was a low-priced car, and the Zephyr was a medium-priced car—but a HIGH medium-priced car—merely a dream for too many Americans! Chrysler and General Motors offered products to fill this gap, mainly Dodges and Pontiacs—much to Fo Mo Co's dismay.

Production plans called for two additional automobiles to be produced; one larger, one smaller than the standard Deluxe Ford. The smaller car was never built in this country because production costs weren't much lower than those of existing models. The savings could never justify its manufacture. However, plans for the larger car developed further and became the prototype for the Mercury in 38.

Ford cars had a reputation of being able performers. In fact, John Dillinger once sent a letter to Henry Ford claiming: "I can make any car take a Ford's dust." At that point in time, many police cars were Buicks, Packards, or Lincolns—but Dillinger's stolen Fords usually managed to outrun them. It was an admission that probably brought secret smiles of pride to Henry and Edsel.

Edsel was proud of the Ford's performance, but wanted to see it improved. Engineering went to work on the basic Ford engine, and by increasing the cylinder base by 1/8 inch, installing larger pistons, bigger crankpins and a heavier crankshaft, from the 85 horse, 220 cu. in. engine came the 95 horse, 239 cu. in. unit. This engine was first produced in 37 and used only in police cars. It was the ideal testing ground for the new flathead that was to power the new Mercury.

The time was right. Consumer demand was high, the new engine was ready, styling and comfort of a Zephyr at an attractive price was attainable; Ford dealers were screaming for the new product. There was just one problem: Henry Ford. Soon, Henry finally gave in to Edsel's insistance and good judgment and gave the go-ahead for the Mercury's production.

Ford opened its own styling department in 37. Edsel kept close tabs on everything that went on there, for the stylists reported directly to him. Until this time, styling had been handled by independent bodybuilders such as Briggs or Murray. The Mercury, patterned after the Zephyr, was the department's first project and the first car to be built from a clay model exclusively by Ford stylists.

By the summer of 1938, two prototypes had been built, fully tested, and improved upon before final approval was given for production.

The first production Mercury came off the assembly line on 21 September 38, at the Richmond, California plant. On 8 October, Mercury production began in Chicago, Louisville, Kansas City, and Edgewater. The same day, Edsel Ford announced that the company would offer a new medium-priced car. The new Mercury was introduced to the press in Dearborn, Michigan on 24 October; and on 4 November 38, they were displayed and sold to the public at dealerships across the country.

The Mercury was offered in 4 body styles—a 2-door sedan ($894), a 4-door sedan ($934), a 2-door coupe ($924), and a 2-door convertible with leather seats and power top ($994).

As was to be expected, the Mercury was several notches above the Ford in trim and appointments. Standard equipment included arm rests, electric clock, front and rear ashtrays, trip odometer, tool kit, stainless steel trim rings for the wheels, bumper guards and windshield wipers mounted on the cowling rather than on the roof. Options included heater/defroster, seat covers, custom luggage set, whitewall tires, and a push-button radio with remote-control antenna.

Other vital measurements for the 1939 Mercury included a 116 in. wheelbase with a curb weight of around 3,220 lbs. Zero to 60 mph took 19.5 seconds; top speed was 85 mph. Gas mileage figured at 21-23 mpg on the highway, and 14-16 in town. Production on the 39 model came to 60,214, putting it in 9th place is sales ranking, passing such established makes as Chrysler, Hudson, Nash, and Packard.

That was 39...for 1940, there was a new product on the way, a breath of fresh air in the luxury-car field; this is January—more about that new product in February.

THREAD LINES

by G. W. Lee

Well, now that we have survived the holiday season, it's back to the same old routine. If you haven't broken your New Year's resolutions, good for you; you're one step ahead of the rest of us. Meanwhile, the retailers have been more than a few steps ahead of us and say that spring is here when it hardly seems like winter has begun.

The theme for spring this year is the Australian outback look and the ever-popular safari look. It appears that the time has come for the outback look to bloom. Here is what you will be seeing coming months.

VESTS AND JACKETS: The safari jacket with its long length and elastic waistband and many pockets and the sleeveless vest with enough pockets to make even a kangaroo envious will be the outerwear look. You'll be seeing them in khaki and white mostly, and the manufacturers have even taken the liberty of stone washing them to make them look well worn.

SHIRTS: Shirts will be big and loose, short and long-sleeved, and in solids and stripes. 100% cotton is the fabric being used; colors will be red, turquoise, white, tan, cobalt, jade, and black. Pillow-ticking stripes will be the main emphasis, as well as the stone-washed, unpressed, and crinkle looks.

PANTS: Old-fashioned dungaree looks will be popular. Baggy and stone-washed varieties will abound in cotton denim and twill fabrics with deep front pleats and pockets. Colors will be khaki, black, blue, white, and grey. Worn tucked into hiking boots, the look is definitely rustic.

SHORTS: Shorts will be short and have a turned-up cuff, buttoned-down pockets in back with slash pockets in front. Wide belt loops and lots of top stitching will be the added details. Fabrics will be cotton twill and canvas varieties in colors of khaki, white, black, deep blue, and green.

ACCESSORIES: Heavy leather boots in brown, bandanas in a rainbow of colors, T-shirts in solid colors, sunglasses with horn-rimmed frames and dark lenses, leather-banded watches.

If you have any comments, ideas, or questions about Thread Lines, please address them to: G. W. Lee—Designer/President, Designs by Lee, PO Box 4503, East Lansing, MI 48823. Until next month: Happy Shopping.

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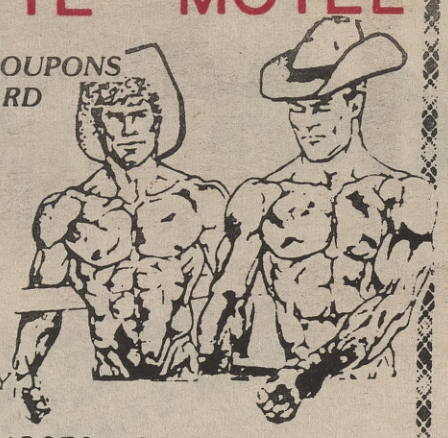

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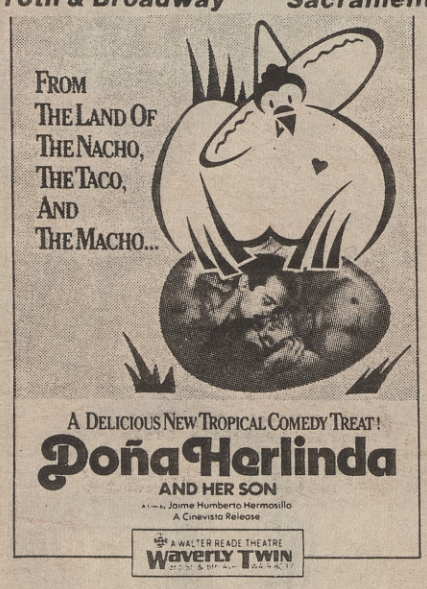

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MODERN MUSIC by Michael Maier

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"Pop Du Jour"

Andy Warhol once said that more and more people would become more and more famous for a shorter and shorter period of time. This has become most evident is today's pop culture. But, there is from time to time a person who comes forth and transcends these limits, becoming a legend in their own time.

Barbra Streisand is indeed one of the gifted few who can claim such a title. This is evident in her accomplishments. She is one of the very few artists who has successfully crossed among stage, recording, TV, and movies, demonstrating a natural ability in each venue. She is indeed a superstar, a true-to-life legend.

This fact was solidified even further by a recent HBO special entitled ***Barbra Streisand, "One Voice."*** This was her first live concert in over fourteen years. It was a concert that only Streisand could get away with, held at her Malibu Ranch, by invitation only, at at the mere price of five-thousand bucks a head! (All proceeds went to anti-nuclear, human-rights, and environmental organizations.) The guest roster included the elite and superstardoms of music, movies, and politics. It could be compared best to that of a Hollywood town meeting. But, each and everyone of them came to see and hear one of the greatest singers, performers, and actresses of our time.

This was not a concert where glitter or showy production numbers were needed. This was an evening of simplistic style and musical elegance, all trademarks for which she has become noted. "One Voice" gave her the chance to perform, to use her intelligence, her wit, her sophistication, her passion, her instrument. It was a concert which exemplified that here the singer and the music are worthy of each other. They are the best!

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BARBRA STREISAND

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"One Voice" meant more than just the obvious, an evening with Streisand. It had a very direct and deep humanitarian message which ran throughout the entire performance. The need for all our voices to become one, and for all nations to heed the message of the people: Stop the nuclear arms buildup; stop the oppression of human and civil rights; stop polluting our environment; and for all nations and their citizens to live as one together on this planet.

It was uncanny to hear how Streisand's musical accomplishments could bear such relevance to the theme of the evening: People, The Way We Were, Evergreen, Somewhere, Something Coming, Send In The Clowns. Songs that I had mainly taken only as pop ballads had become timeless classics by a timeless performer.

One of the evening's highlights came when Streisand sang the very moving song from Yentl: Papa, Can You Hear Me?, where she lit a candle for all the great men who were snuffed out before their times, including Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Jr., John F. Kennedy, and Anwar Saddat.

A second highlight was Streisand's interpretation of the Garland classic, Somewhere Over The Rainbow. Even though it is still Judy's song, Streisand is more than worthy of credit.

"One Voice" was an event, a happening, more than just a concert. Former U. S. Representative Barbara Jordon of Texas summed it up the best: "This is the only game in town, in the country tonight." It was a gathering with the greatest intentions, to bring to light a very serious problem that seems to be taken for granted as a modern-day way of life, while showing us the importance of one voice, of all our voices!

RECURRENTS

by Keith Miller

Happy 1987 to the readers of Patlar! Now that the past year has been '86ed, it is time to look ahead to bigger and much better things. This is a genuine hope since we all now that bigger is better (at least it's more fun to look at!) You are reading the initial installment of ***Recurrents***, something I am overly-excited about. My hair stands on end—my teeth tingle—I find myself dancing around the living room to disco records I don't even like. If you find you are having the same reaction, then my job is complete. If not, keep reading. Something will tingle your hairs sooner or later.

Recurrents is aptly titled, I believe, since I habor a sincere feeling that what was then can be now. "Recur" means happening again, and "current" means happening now. Mix them together and you have the notion of life moving in circles. What goes around comes around. This can apply to many things: politicians, social diseases, and "once washed up" now "top of the charts" rock singers. As far as I am concerned, it stands for hope in the homosexual community. Hope that once again we can be accepted in the patterns of daily life. I say once again, since, at one time, homosexuality was accepted, even honored as a way of life. Can this recur? We know we're just people. We know there's nothing "wrong" with us. We want to live without the stigma.

The notion of history repeating itself is a happy one, since, if it could happen, we would have the chance to correct all of the dumb mistakes we made the first time around. Mistakes we made, or the mistakes of others. All we need do is recognize those mistakes and set in motion a plan to revise them. If we could rewind the movie of 1986 and do it over again, we could most definitely edit out a lot of bombings, resuce a few children from certain death, be more loving to the friends we lost through sickness, and we could run screaming into the control room at NASA, throw ourselves on the control panel and abort the Challenger launch. Some things, of course, we wouldn't dare change: The Mets would still win the World Series. Miss Liberty would have her birthday bash, and the voters in California would still kick LaRouche's stupid butt. Thank you very much, from all of us.

But there is fantasy. Specific moments rarely repeat themsevles. It's more of the feeling of a generation. A dawning of a New Age. A massive body moving as one, such as the leaden, sluggish Pluto inching its way around the sun, changing aspects in the Zodiac. As Pluto moves, so does a generation's consciousness. Can a New Age dawn when gay men and women are accepted in society? "Gay people are different. They're odd. They're not like the rest of us." Who the hell are you, anyway?

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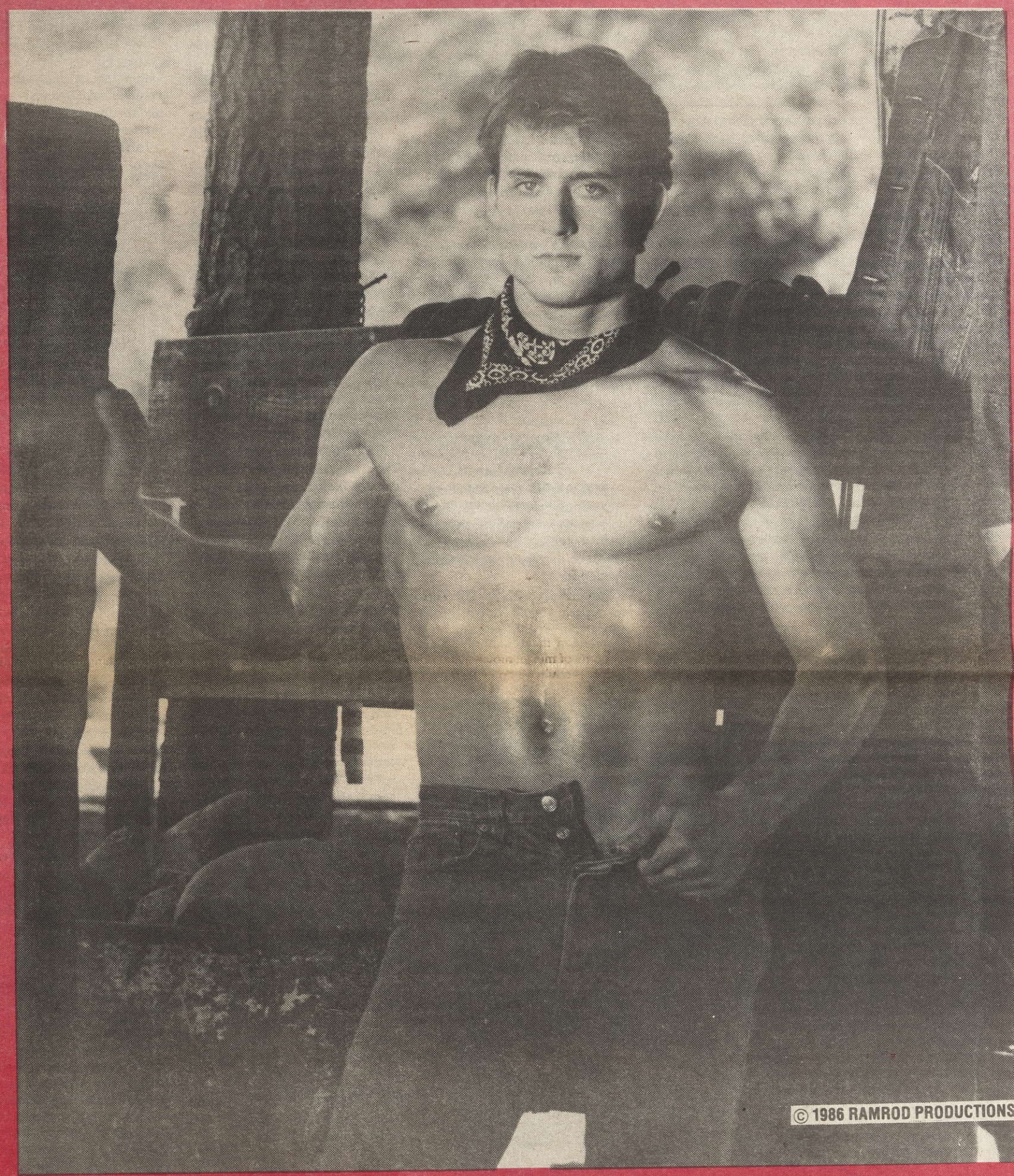

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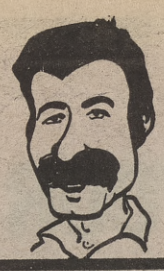

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FORT WORTH

A lot more than just thirty miles separates the twin Texas cities of Dallas and Forth Worth. In fact, somewhere in between is the line dividing eastern USA from western USA. Dallas, that alabaster palace, is chic, fashionable, and sophisticated, while Fort Worth is a warm and friendly, overgrown frontier town. It is the fourth largest city in our second largest state, with a metropolitan population (including nearby Arlington) of nearly 600,000. Folks from these parts say it is the "most Texan of Texas' cities."

Fort Worth has a colorful history; it began as an army post in 1849. After the Civil War, its dusty trails brought the longhorns and cowboys to town. By 1876, the Texas Pacific's first train came huffing and puffing along, and the city was ringed with stockyards and slaughter houses. "Black Gold," the cry of oil, rang out in 1917. Now the cattle kings and wranglers were joined by oilmen and gamblers. Despite the present-day cultural and technological awareness, Fort Worth is still a "cowtown" and is the largest livestock center in the southwest.

The gay scene is somewhat slower paced than in nearby Dallas, and Forth Worth wouldn't have it any other way. The slickest disco in town is the Vickery Station at 224 E. Vickery. This is the place for hot-looking young preppies who want to see and be seen. Women prefer Partners at 1612 Park Place. Fun levi and western cruise bars include the 651 Club at 651 South Jennings, the Corral at 621 South Hemphill, and T.L. Six at 700 South Jennings.

D.J.'s at 1308 South Lewis is the only gay restaurant per se, and it serves good burgers after hours.

The best bar in Arlington, in fact the only one, is the 651 Arlington at 1851 West Division. This place attracts both guys and gals and features C & W music.

All the bars in the area serve cocktails and are open seven days a week until 2:00 AM. Most have pool tables and pinball machines.

In recent years, I have stayed at the Fort Worth Hilton which is only a mile or so away from the gay-bar area; but be sure and drive because it is not in the best part of town. The Hyatt Regency, Holidy Inn—Midtown, and Ramada Inn—Central are also conveniently located.

Fort Worth is not the gastronomical capital of Texas, but good dining can be had at The Balcony, Bill Martin's, Cattlemen's, Dos Gringos, Keg, Spanish Galleon, and the Stockyards. For elegant dining, try the Crystal Cactus Room at the Hyatt Regency. A great little place for wonderful down-home cooking in the stockyards is the Star Cafe.

The Twin Cities are served by the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) Airport, one of the most ultra-modern facilities in America. Everything is beautifully planned except how to get your luggage from where the rental car bus drops you off to where your car is parked.

If visiting for the first time, you may want to see the stockyards, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth Zoo, Kimball Art Museum, Amon Carter Museum of Western Art, Casa Manana Theatre, Log Cabin Village, Will Rogers Memorial Center, and Six Flags Over Texas—the largest amusement park in the state.

Benbrook Lane used to be very cruisy, but I would suggest avoiding it now because of the high crime rate. Forest and Rockwood Parks can be fun during the day.

Believe me, there are some humpy cowboys and cowgirls in this fun southwestern metropolis. A good time to visit is during the Pioneer Days celebration and rodeo in late September. If, on the other hand, it turns out that Fort Worth is not for you, well, "Big D" is only thirty miles away!

(For more detailed information, pick up a copy of the BOB DAMRON ADDRESS BOOK '87—America's foremost travel guide—available at most better bars and bookstores throughout America. Or send $14 for your copy (which includes packing and shipping) to BOB DAMRON ENTERPRISES, PO Box 11-270, San Francisco, CA 94101-7270. Also available is the SPARTACUS, International gay guide at $25.)

HOROSCOPES

by Dr. Pat Larr

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18): A piece of Valentine's Day beefcake gives you food for thought and something to munch on. Could be the big one you've been looking for.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20): That special someone gives you lots of space this month and you run amok. Just remember to come home when you're done.

AIRES (Mar 21-Apr 19): Cupid's aiming for you. You'll have to fend off the slings and arrows of some outrageous fortunes before month's end. Enjoy!

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20): Now is not the time to discuss finances with your special someone. To keep him from talking, find something to stick in his mouth. I'm sure you'll come up with something.

GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20): That special someone feels it's hearts and flowers time. Gather ye rosebuds while ye may. Next month you'll have to turn the other cheek.

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22): Stick to your guns this month. Keep your weight down and your finances up, and next month you'll be ready to party.

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22): A box of candy in a heart-shaped box from a former sweetheart with a big basket leads to a valentine's taste for you. Enjoy!

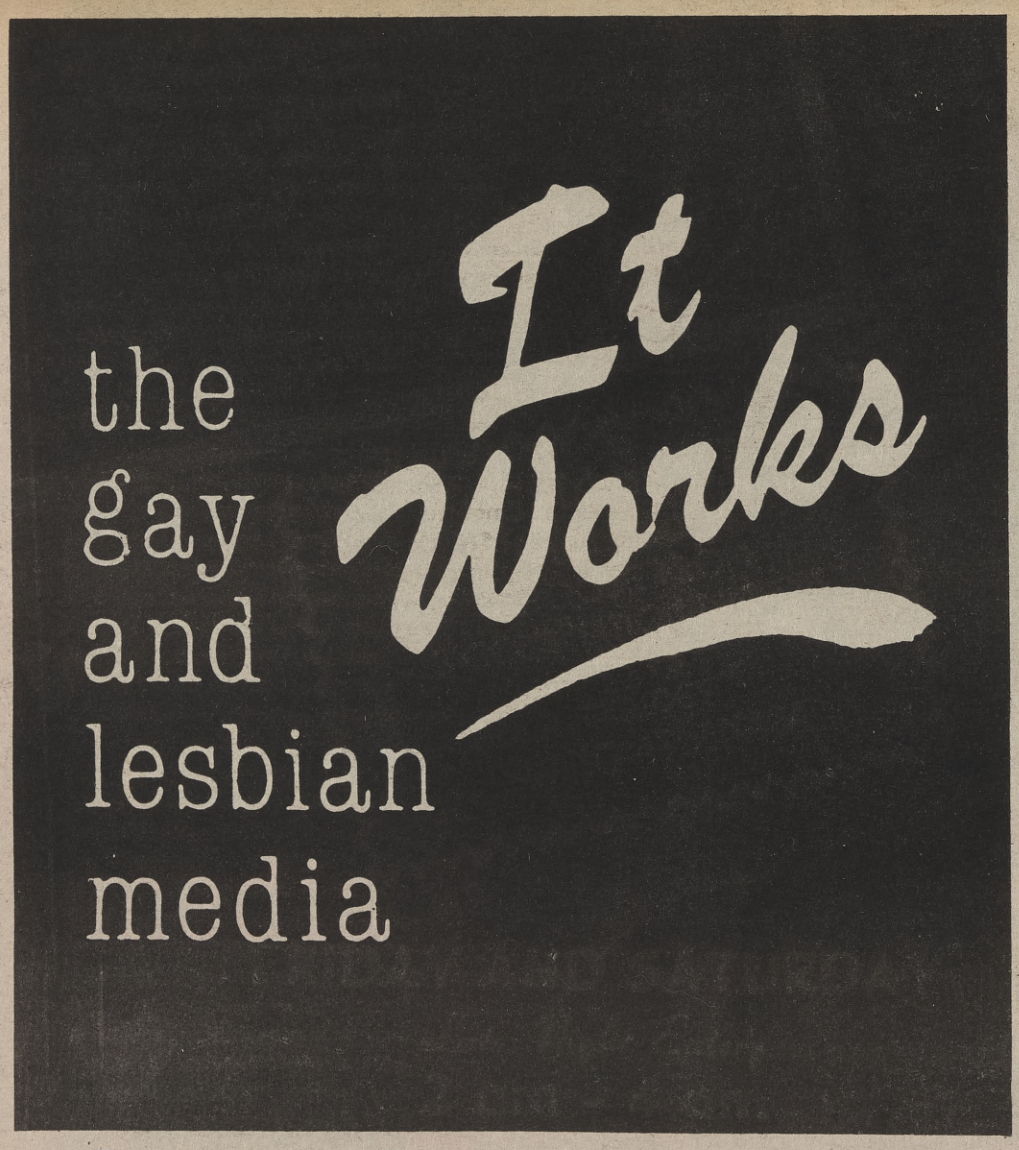
VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22): Don't let that special someone's tardiness get to you all the time. Remember, he who comes last comes best.

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22): What is it about swimmers' bodies that turns you on? Expect two of them to come swimming your way this month. Go for the one doing the breast stroke.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 22): That special someone throws down a warning flag when you're caught fondling someone you're fond of. Yes, there'll be a penalty on this play.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21): Short may not be your type, but hairy sure is. This month some big things in small packages show you the joys of pierced nipples. Get ripped to the tits.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19): It's thighs and whispers time for you and that special someone. Your chance to cuddle up by the fire and fan old flames.



February is Gay and Lesbian Media Awareness Month—Sponsored by the Media Fund for Human Rights and the Gay and Lesbian Press Association.

POETRY

His Kiss

by Sean Bailey

I lightly wet my lips
And lean into his kiss
Eager for the pliant urging strength
That calls the heart's
Trip—hammering meet and melt—
But, abruptly, startled, back:
Fresh-cut sharpness pricks
Through one moustache from another.
Smiles reflect from face to face,
Eye to eye a mirror,
And bubbles forth in matched mirth
And glee, deliberately to tease
The other's cheek or neck
With stiff bristles
Before meshing finally, joyously
In the promise of the start.

ANN from Page 2

I also have a lot of positive feelings now about having a gay son. I'm awed, for instance, by the courage it takes to grow up in a heterosexual family and by the heavy load of gay sons and daughters who hide their sexual orientations from their families. I'm also awed by the existence of long-lasting gay relationships in a society that offers them no support, and by the nuymber of heterosexual people I know or meet who have gay children or relatives.

I also now know about and appreciate Jeanne Manford, the first parent who came out openly in support of her gay son. She carried a sign in New York City's 1972 Gay Pride Parade that read, "Parents of Gays: Unite in Support For Our Children." I'm thankful, too, for the personal mentors I found in Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, a support group for parents. And I appreciate the importance of family I hear when I listen to gay people.

I've also learned many good things about gay people and the gay community. The courage, for instance, it takes to come out and the patience it takes to educate ("Gay 101" a friend calls it) after coming out, the amount of caring within the gay community, the community's respone to AIDS, and the men behind the statistics that show safe sex works.

I also have to smile when I think about my young friend's Harold to my Maude, and I like to consider the multitude of photocopying big business and government contribute to gay organizations and causes. I also like people who are secure enough to question the restraints of sex roles, men who are free enough to greet one another with hugs and kisses, and my friend who sees the world out of the corner of his blue eyes. I also like writing columns for **Patlar. (Editor's note: And the management of Patlar** greatly appreciates Ann Muller's columns; and judging from our readers' responses, so do they.)

KEITH from Page 6

I agree that there is a difference. I can spot a gay man a mile off. Of course, I've been practicing. Plus, I have terrific eyesight. Gay men have a certain brightness in their eyes. They dress well. Nice haircuts. The same goes for gay women. They possess an earthy quality and a natural zest for life. Vive la difference!

It's as if the rest of the world, and I'm referring to heterosexuals here, hates to see someone enjoying life, accepting themselves, celebrating the world around them. The scared, bitter Old Testament authors certainly had a hand in creating this difference. Was it propaganda or popular sentiment? Did the homosexuality of Ishtar, Albania, Babylonia, Crete, and Ephesus fall from celebrity like so many situation-comedy bimbos? Some great power proclaimed the dividing line of right and wrong, drew it, and it has stood ever since. What we do now is try to blur that line. Like any oppressed people, there comes a time when enough is enough and revolution is called for. Be it on the battlefield or outside of a bar in Greenwich Village. To be accepted as you are. To live life as you see it. Not to hurt anyone. To be happy. To go with the flow and play it as it lays. Oh God, another fantasy?

It is such a simple scenario: two lover, strolling, holding hands, window shopping, laughing and touching. A beautiful thing. Ok for some, but not for all. Right? Wrong! It must change. Our generation must move. Move into the norm without losing sight of ourselves. We must be brave and stand up for our convictions. We must move into the New Age. It's enough to make your hairs tingle.

I will be examining the past, the future and yes, even the present in upcoming installments of ***Recurrents***. I hope you'll take a look with me. Until then, do something every day that people will remember. Get up, get out and make some history.

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FORT WAYNE

Gay-related issues have been presented in Your Children Too, over the past several weeks. Past topics have included alcoholism, AIDS, gay youth, coming out, dealing with parents, Romanovsky & Phillips, and interracial relationships. Michael Drudge, head of the New World Church and Outreach Center, hosts the show; and Jerry Grams does all the technical work. The program airs on cable channel 10 every Saturday at 4:30 PM.

A series is planned to deal with the issues of discrimination against gay people. Plans are to include existing cases of discrimination in Fort Wayne.

The producers of Your Children, Too are interested in ideas for future shows and volunteers to help with the programs. To help, contact Michael Drudge at (317) 456-6570.

ALBUQUERQUE

The Desert States Lesbian & Gay Conference will be held in Albuquerque April 10-12 at La Posada Hotel. The 1987 Conference will be the organization's third. The theme, "If Not Now, When?" has been selected for the event.

CARBONDALE

The Gay and Lesbian Peoples' Union (GLPU) of Southern Illinois University has begun operating its new hotline, Prideline, for people concerned about gay issues. Prideline, which can be reached at (618) 453-5151, is open from 7 to 10 PM, Sundays through Wednesdays.

Persons are needed to work on Prideline. Training will be provided for volunteers who have no prior experience.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Carlton Turner, the White House authority on drugs who suggested that smoking marijuana leads to homosexuality, recently resigned.

No reason was given for his resignation. However, some political observers think it may have been related to a statement that he made some weeks ago to the effect that marijuana use prompts homosexual behavior. Turner said that many of the young people he spoke with in drug-treatment programs told him that they had practiced homosexual acts after they began smoking pot.

MUNCIE

A series of lectures and workshops has been scheduled for March 21 at Teacher's College at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. Justice, Inc.'s Policy Advisory Committee is organizing the event in conjunction with the Ball State Gay/Lesbian Alliance.

Dr. Sue Hammersmith will present opening remarks. She is co-author of the book ***Sexual Preference: Its Development in Men and Women*** and often speaks to groups on research involving sexual orientation.

Guest speaker Rosemary Kuropat is former co-director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and was on the board of directors of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. She is a creator of "Challenging Bigotry," a national advertising campaign that seeks to use the media to change the attitudes that underly bigotry and oppressive legislation.

For information call (317) 634-9212.

WEST HOLLYWOOD

The Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Artists in the Entertainment Industry (AGLA) recently announced that Patty Duke will be a presenter at the Sixth Annual Media Awards Show in March.

AGLA encourages the responsible portrayal of gay characters and issues in the entertainment media and works to eradicate employment discrimination based on sexual orientation. The organization has approximately 500 members nationwide. AGLA is frequently called upon to give advice on movies for TV and regular motion pictures with regard to gay characters.

The Sixth Annual AGLA Media Awards Show will be held March 21 at the Wilshire Ebell Theatre. For ticket information, call (213) 871-8088.

CHICAGO

The National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Scientists and Technical Professionals (NOGLSTP) has published an educational pamphlet called ***Measuring the Gay and Lesbian Population***. It reviews the scientific research addressing the topics of how many gay people there are in the USA and what their demographic characteristics are. The pamphlet discusses research conducted over the past four decades. In addition to presenting information about the USA in general, the brochure also presents more detailed studies about selected cities. It covers both direct measurements of the gay population and indirect measurement through the 1980 census data.

For more information, write Joseph Schreiner, NOGLSTP President, PO Box 14138, Chicago, IL 60614.

CLEVELAND

The 6th Annual All-Ohio Lesbian/Gay/Feminist Conference will be held the weekend of March 20-22 at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. Members of the community who are interested in working on the planning of the conference are needed. For additional information, contact Jerry Bores (216) 961-5556 after 6 PM.

RENO

The Gay and Lesbian Student Union (GLSU) at the University of Nevada, Reno holds regular meetings. Items which are discussed include the group's direction, goals, and activities. For information, contact their message phone at (702) 786-1170.

SANTA BARBARA

"Continued Struggles...Future Triumphs" is the theme for the 5th Annual Western States Lesbian and Gay Students United Conference to be held at UC Santa Barbara, February 13-16, 1987. Approximately 200 students from California and throughout the Western Region are expected to attend.

UCSB's Gay and Lesbian Student Union, host for the conference, has organized workshops and guest speakers with topics including political, social, psychological, and educational issues. There will be over 25 workshops and seminars from which guests may choose to attend. Additionally, there will be a dance Saturday night and a brunch Monday.

Applications are now available. Registration fee is $10. Contact the Gay and Lesbian Student Union, PO Box 15408, Santa Barbara, CA 93107; (805) 961-4578.

EDEN PRAIRIE

Pride Institute, the nation's first chemical-dependency treatment center for gay people opened during 1986 in Eden Prairie, near Minneapolis. Once an adolescent treatment center, the building has been adapted for its current use as a gay alcohol and other drug treatment center.

Pride Institute has discovered some characteristics about its patient population:

1. 58% of its patients report alcohol as their primary drug of choice.
2. 33% report alcohol and other drugs as equal drugs of choice.
3. 9% report other drugs as their primary choice.
4. 15.5% of Pride's male/female population has used IV drugs, with 27% of the male population reporting use of IV drug abuse.

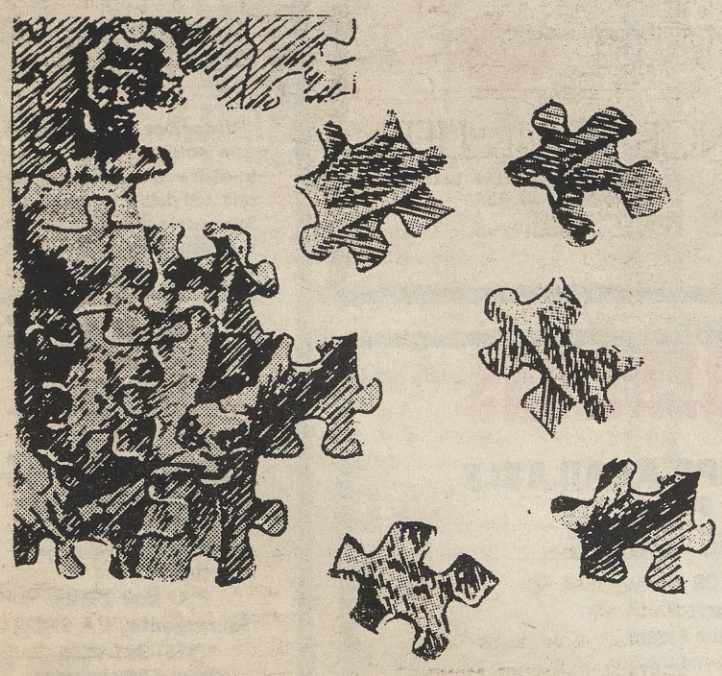
Pride Institute's address is: 14400 Martin Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.

LOS ANGELES

Entertainer Liberace recently settled a palimony lawsuit, filed by Scott Thorson, for $95,000.

Thorson, 27, claimed in his 1982 lawsuit that Liberace had pledged when Thorson moved in as his full-time travel secretary, chauffeur, animal trainer, and lover that he would be paid $70,000 a year for life, up to $30,000 a year for pet care, and would be entitled to use one of the pianist's homes in Palm Springs or Beverly Hills for the rest of his life.

Liberace denied there was such an agreement, and a Superior Court judge ruled in 1984 that any such agreement would have been an illegal contract for sexual services.



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"AT WORK"

FAKEY DATES: THE PROS & CONS

by Stephen Dolainski and Stephen Husa

So, you attended the office Christmas party alone and found yourself surrounded by your co-workers' dates and spouses. Instead of having a good time with your office pals, you ended up feeling awkward and conspicuously alone. Now, vowing never to go through such an uncomfortable experience again, you're determined to show up at the next office party with what seems to be an obvious solution for many gay men and lesbians—a fakey or cover date.

Admittedly, dates can be fun. But cover dates also can cause problems. Before you get involved in a seemingly innocent arrangement, you should consider the consequences that may crop up after the party is over. You should also ask yourself a few key questions to determine if a cover date is the best solution to the problem of "spouses welcome" office parties.

Whether a cover date works for or against you can depend on the degree to which you are out at work. There is a parallel relationship to consider: The more closeted you are at work, the more problems a cover date can cause. On the surface, at least, that would seem unlikely, particularly when you consider the survey findings in ***The Cox Report: A Survey of American Corporations***. Published in 1982, ***The Cox Report*** reported that more than 60 percent of the top executives and middle managers considered a strong marriage as a positive attribute to possess for career success. Given these data, you might believe that attending an office party with a date of the opposite sex would be better than showing up alone. But that may be a short-sighted view, because the downside of a cover date comes up after the party is over. You should also ask yourself a few key questions to determine if a cover date is the best solution to the problem of "spouses welcome" office parties.

The more closeted you are at work, the more questions you're likely to encounter in your workplace where conversation about heterosexual dating is so common. Co-workers might be interested in inviting you and your date home for dinner or socializing. Any doubts that may have existed about your sexuality might be replaced with interest in your new "relationship." That would require you to either extend the cover date into a cover relationship or to invent some story about breaking up, which would hopefully head off any further discussion. Think about it. In either case, you're going to have to involve yourself in some type of storytelling that could prove stressful and complicated.

On the other hand, if you're out to some degree at work, the repercussions of a cover date would probably be minimal. Co-workers are more likely to recognize your date for what it really is—a friendly, platonic relationship. Even if you do get questions later, you can deal with them honestly: Rather than make up some history about how long you've been dating, you can answer, "That person is just a good friend."

Before involving yourself (and your co-workers) in a fakey date, ask yourself a few key questions:

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- Do you really need a date for the party? If other co-workers are planning to attend without spouses or dates, you probably don't need one either. The party could turn out to be the perfect occasion to socialize with your fellow employees.
- If the situation does require a companion, do you really want to involve yourself with a cover date? If you're hoping that a date will serve as a good cover, do you want to run the risk of misleading your co-workers in such a way as to put yourself in the position of having to answer follow-up questions for weeks or months to come? Perhaps you should consider going to the party with someone from the office or inviting a client or vendor to accompany you.
- If you're going to take a cover date, whom should you invite? Unquestionably, a certain amount of discretion is necessary. You won't want to invite your lesbian neighbor if she insists on wearing levis and flannel shirts, nor do you want as your companion the gay man next door who won't leave home without eye shadow and an earring. Unless you know someone you can rely on to present an appropriate image, your cover date may reveal more than you ever intended to hide.

The most important consideration in weighing the pros and cons of cover dates is your true intention. If your intention is to present a false image of yourself, you may be creating more problems for yourself than you'll solve. But if your intention is just to share a good time with someone you enjoy and your co-workers can enjoy, then make the date and have a good time.

FAUX PAS

by Ed. E. Kett

Dear Eddie,

What about fashion faux pas? Every time I try to pull a fashion fast-one, (you know, brown socks with a blue outfit or brown shoes with a navy blue suit), some bitchy queen always calls me on it. My straight friends are never so rude as to mention that my belt doesn't match the rest of my ensemble. Why are my gay friendse so quick to call it to my attention? It seems extremely ungentlemanly to me.

Always,
Warren

Dear Warren

Fashion fast-one? You can't get away with any fashion foibles in gay life. Don't you realize that some of those gentlemen live to dress (and often dresses). It's not necessary to have a GQ attitude all the time just as long as it doesn't look like you got dressed in the dark. Remember, clothes make the man if the man wants to be made.

Dear Mr. Kett,

How does a gentleman get into the pants of another gentleman if the first gentleman is very married and travels a lot with his lover, and the second gentleman is very married and very straight?

Wondering
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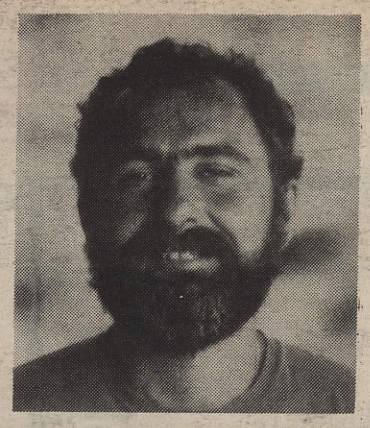

THAT'S FAIRLY INTERESTING

by Frank Batey

Heheeee-ah! Comes now the oriental Year of the Rabbit.

Thus it promises to be a year of sharp business turns, enforced contracts, increasing taxes, and decreasing credibility in governments. These things are typical in Years of the Rabbit.

The oriental calendar includes twelve-year cycles, while our occidental calendar operates astrologically in twelve-month cycles. And the characters are somewhat different.

In the oriental calendar, the animal characters...rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, etc....represent characteristics both and bad which may be associated with such critters.

In Japan, the rabbit may be regarded with suspician because of a recurring belief there that witches sometimes take on the form of a rabbit. While in Korea, rabbits may be regarded with suspician because of a recurring belief there that Japanese sometimes take on the form of a rabbit. Like in astology.

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Ronnie Reagan Sr. may be pleased that it is the Year of the Rabbit this year. For politicians, Rabbit years are prime times to try pulling the fur over peoples' eyes and ears. (If there's any further chance for deception on the parts of the U. S. Government officers at this point.)

But deception...as always...is temporary in any year. The people are patient; but not dumb. Politics is, of course, the conduct of public affairs for private advantage, in the undaunted language of Ambrose Bierce.

No, we'll never change the world. Right here. But voicing our differences...and indifference...is something vital in the on-going struggle for human rights.

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Fundemonium strikes back...sometimes at itself, of course. Though singer Glenn Campbell continues to woo fundyfolk with his own professions of faith, the fundies have ignorantly lashed back at one of their own in lashing out at at least one Campbell song: "Wichita Lineman." The smoke may never clear on "Puff the Magic Dragon." And the same smoke is beginning to cloud issues of "cocaine, speed and surly substances" in what Campbell defends to be only a love song by the telephone man. What wee mortals'll do for love...and money...even to their own kind!

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On palinodes and palindromes...Dr. Iri Kapro writes in that there are wild songs on the airwaves which may be palindromic, by words. That is to say, if you reverse the words, the lyrics do not change. Kapro examples his own eight lines or lyrics in:

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...merely vestiges
Call me by impending messages

Dr. Iri Kapro

"Tether" is the midpoint in Kapro's ditty. The words...forward and backward...read the same. And my thanks to Dr. Kapro for this fairly interesting submission.

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Hundreds of cases of waste and abuse in Federal Government have been uncovered from the top down in recent months of course.

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GAY PARENTING in a wonderfully practical and comprehensive guide by Joy Schulenburg is a paperback by Doubleday Anchor. Controversy is charged by buzzes of disinformation. Schulenburg writes in a warm, human method to pool her pioneering research examples into something we can sink our hearts into. GAY PARENTING verifies the fact that we are a people of love. By example.

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Send your inspirations and verse to me at THAT'S FAIRLY INTERESTING, PO Box 8043, Palm Springs, CA 92263. We'll try to include more of our readers' strokes of fancy throughout this exciting new Year of The Rabbit.

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et C'est La Merde
Jean-Jacques Bouche

BETTER BOOKS

The Gentleman From Maryland: The Conscience of a Gay Conservative *by Robert E. Bauman. Arbor House, N.Y., 1986.*

Reviewed by Paul Hanson

Robert Bauman could have had many motives for writing a book that chronicled his fall from grace following the 1980 release of charges that he had patronized teenage male prostitutes after a full day of playing the role of a rising star in the conservative firmament. The former 3-term Maryland representative could have hoped to influence his past colleagues on Capitol Hill that homosexuality is not the result of a choice to lead a deviant life, but a force over which the individual has no control, and hence a characteristic deserving of civil-rights protection. Or he could have attempted to make amends with his gay brothers and lesbian sisters for his own acts of discrimination against them. Another possibility could be the record of a man now at peace with himself and his recently recognized sexual orientation.

Bauman could have written this book for those reasons or a dozen others equally sterling. But he did not. As he says in the preface, he wrote for the money. And that confession of self-service sets the tone for what follows.

There can be no doubt that Bauman suffered mightily after FBI agents came to his Capitol Hill office on a fishing expedition prompted by rumors on the street that Bauman, along with several other members of Congress, were regulars at the Chesapeake House and other Washington hustler bars. Here was a man who voted for the Family Protection Act yet had put his own family at risk while he cruised the D.C. streets and gay bars in search of beautiful young men whom he could possess in a futile effort to increase his own selfesteem. Here was the dogmatic Catholic who sought forgiveness through confession after each tryst, but who, when the urge came upon him again, would abuse alcohol to a point where he was free from moral and common-sense restraints on his behavior. And finally, here was a man who had been having sex with other males on and off for 37 years, but who did not admit to being homosexual until he was forced out of the closet in the glave of the TV klieg lights. And even then he admitted only to "homosexual tendencies."

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Although conservative movers and shakers such as William F. Buckley Jr. and Ronald Reagan pledged their support, Bauman narrowly survived an attempt to kick him out of the American Conservative Union which he had helped to found and to whose Washington offices he admits taking at least one beautiful young man several years before his election as a Maryland state senator. And while for a time it seemed as how he might receive the support of the national gay movement, he is isolted from both the traditional liberal gay camp and from the newly organized gay right faction. A *Chicago Tribune* story on him published in 1983 offered a discription that remains current. "Bob Bauman is like a man caught on an island between two shores."

Much of the separation the *Tribune* writer perceived is of Bauman's own making. His encyclopedic knowledge of the rules governing the working of the House of Representataives and his zeal in forcing their application to further the conservative political agenda, coupled with his acerbic tongue, gave him a "fan club" that not-too-secretly rejoiced at his public fall. He has not helped his standing among homosexuals by stating that he still wishes he weren't one, although he realizes that there is no cure for his affliction. Indeed, the only progress he seems to have made in moving toward either of the shores that are beyond his grasp is the recognition that gay-rights legislation is necessary and that the Catholic Church's teaching on homosexuality (love the sinner, hate the sin) condemns a tenth of the church membership to a life devoid of close and loving contact with human beings of their choice.

Here and there throughtout the book, Bauman sprinkles titillating anecdotes about the gay life in Washington, alluding to Reagan-administration officials, military leaders, law makers, and lobbyists who either live with male lovers with the knowledge of their inner circle or who prowl the streets and hustler bars as Bauman did. He is particularly bitter, it seems to me, when he writes about how "the closets of Washington are full of gay Republicans and gay conservatives...their names appear on the White House guest list and feature articles on them can be seen in the ***Washington Post*** "Style" and "Business" sections...Their all-male social events are discreetly conducted in Georgetown gardens and Foggy Bottom townhouses, in Capitol Hill condominiums and in the hot summer months, at Cape Cod or Rehoboth Beach in Delaware." But, he complains, none of these men who sit at the pinnacle of power were willing to aid in the formation of a conservative gay lobbying organization "because they did not want to come out of the closet despite their obviously gay private lives."

Bauman's own discretion makes hm a handmaiden to the status quo. He only names names twice, and both congressmen are Democrats: Gerry Studds and Barney Frank. (To set the record straight, Bauman only implies tht Frank, who has never made a public statement about his sexuality, is gay. After Bauman's inference was reported in the media, Frank issued a statement saying that questions about his personal life embarrassed him.)

Those hoping to find in the book a gay version of "Washington Behind Closed Doors," a saga of power and lust in capitol ofices, locker rooms and tea rooms, will be disappointed. Although he does describe in some detail the gay scene in Washington, his descriptions are mostly general and impersonal. He "quotes" a dialogue between a congressional staffer and a committee member supposedly occurring in a gay bar. But the facts are too vague to be interesting. Perhaps for the benefit of readers in the hinterland, he provides a short tour of several D.C. bars, one of which opened after the 1980 scandal, indicating that he may not have totally forsworn the gay life. But these brief commentaries sound, for the most part impersonal, as if he were Margaret Meade studying a Pacific Island society or a guide for a bus load of tourists. This is yet another example of how Bauman is trying to have it both ways—a catholic noncomformist, a gay conservative. But in the end, he is stuck in the middle.

A sequel might resolve this conflict. One would hope that his financial situation would make this a possibility.

SAN FRANCISCO

The San Francisco based Mst. Enterprises and Up Your Alley Productions will present The First Annual International Ms Leather Contest. The event is scheduled for Saturday, March 21, 1987 at the Club DV8 in San Francisco.

The International Ms Leather contest was organized to enhance a positive image of women in the leather lifestyle. Contestants may enter either as an individual or be sponsored by an individual, group, bar, or club. Contestants will be judged in four categories: leather image, pysical appearance, attitude and personality, and stage presence.

The International Ms Leather hosted the Ms San Francisco Leather Contest held last month. The winner of that event will represent San Francisco at The International Ms Leather contest.

Proceeds from the First Annual International Ms Leather will beneft AIDS Emergency Fund, Coming Home Hospice, AWARE, AIDS Alternative Health Project, and the Women's AIDS Network.

For more information, write: International Ms Leather, 1519 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94103.

MENTOR

In Ohio, Lake County Gays have formed the Lake County Gays/Lesbians Friendship Alliance (LCGLFA). The new group is intended to provide support and social activities for the Lake County area. For more information, write LCGLFA, PO Box 1224, Mentor, OH 44061-1224.

NEW YORK

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) has formed the 700 AND ONE CLUB, a fundraising effort designed to help GLAAD protest misrepresentations of gays in the media. The club is based on a fundraising concept, the 700 Club used by televangelist Pat Robertson, the right-wing, fundamentalist TV personality who controls the Christian Broadcast Network.

The 700 AND ONE CLUB members will contribute $10 or more each month for one year to raise money to combat public expressions of homophobia and discrimination against gay people. According to Darrell Yates Rist and Marcia Pally, GLAAD spokespersons, this accurate-image media effort has already successfully countered the New York Post's homophobic editorial posture and William F. Buckley's recommendations that AIDS carriers be tatooed. GLAAD has also led protests aimed at increasing public awareness about the Supreme Court's discriminatory sodomy decision.

For more information about the 700 AND ONE CLUB, contact GLAAD at (718) 237-4141.

PALM SPRINGS

The Federal Communications Commission was recently requested by Frank Batey to revoke the license of the Christian Broadcast Network. Batey, a free-lance writer and a gay father, took the action because of statements made by fundamentalist Christian Pat Robertson on his national TV show, The 700 Club.

In a letter to the FCC, Batey requested that the license of the network be terminated "because of CBN's repeated attacks and defiance of licensing regulations aimed at fairness and balanced programming."

Batey said Robertson and his co-hosts, Ben Kinchlow and Dinuda Soderman, misrepresented details of his son's custody case and attacked his "character and quality of life with entirely inaccurate information."

Batey, 42, was awarded custody of his teenage son, Brian, last June after a lengthy and nationally publicized battle with his fundamentalist Christian ex-wife, Betty Batey, 42, of San Diego.

The case was discussed on 700 Club programs in April, May, June, and November in 1984 and possibly more programs in 1985, Batey said. Particulary upsetting to him was Robertson's statement that Batey had committed sodomy in front of his son. Batey said that never occurred.

"All it is is an attack on homosexuals. The people are incidental to their agenda. But they created a serious error by making me the fous of their attacks and assuming I wouldn't respond," Batey said.

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Representatives of a right-wing Christian women's group has vowed to go to the U.S. Supreme Court in an attempt to quash child-stealing charges against Betty Batey, ex-wife of Palm Springs writer, Frank Batey, who is gay.

The state Supreme Court refused to hear the case in November.

Mrs. Batey, 42, of San Diego, claims she took her son from her ex-husband in September 1982 because her church considers homosexuality a sin. If convicted of the child-stealing charges, she faces a possible 3-year prison sentence.

COLUMBUS

Stonewall Union, a leading gay-rights organization in Central Ohio, recently hired Dr. Carol J. Cohan as its new executive director. The appointment of Dr. Cohan is the result of a 5-month nationwide search.

Dr. Cohan has extensive political experience. In the past, she worked as a lobbyist for women's and aging issues in the Kentucky State Legislature and for Public Interest Communications. She has been a member of the Greater Louisville Human Rights Coalition. Dr. Cohan also served on the gay/lesbian hotline as a peer counselor.

PHILADELPHIA

Tainted hepatitis B serum may have caused the AIDS crisis in the gay community, and the CDC may be covering up large percentages of heterosexuals at risk of AIDS. Dr. Mathilde Krim believes this is the reason why the disease took hold in the gay male community so quickly. Krim, who is the chair of the AIDS Medical Foundation in New York, said at a recent meeting that "In the early 70s, the majority of blood products (used in the US) were brought from foreign countries.

The blood gotten from these countries was pooled donor blood, unscreened and untested for diseases other than hepatitis. Many different blood products were adapted from this blood, among them Factor B, which is used to treat hemophiliacs, and gamma globulin, which is used generally in the treatment of hepatitis."

Krim went on to explain that many gay men, because of a variety of sexual practices and promiscuity, had frequent occurrences of hepatitis and were given treatments from this infected blood. "This was particularly true in the large gay centers like New York and San Francisco where the percentage of that population with the (hepatitis) antibodies now is close to 90k%."

"This tainted-blood theory," Krim said, "is yet another reason for not accusing gay men of causing their own disease."

KANSAS CITY

Affirmation, United Methodists for Lesbian/Gay concerns, and the Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA) will jointly sponsor an educational event to be held March 14-15, 1987, in Kansas City, MO. Titled "Reconciliation and Sexuality," the event will promote dialogue between gay and heterosexual persons in the United Methodist Church.

The event is also intended to help midwestern United Methodists concerned with gay issues to strengthen local efforts.

Information on registration for the conference, as well as an exact schedule for the event, can be obtained by writing Kansas City Affirmation, PO Box 10116, Kansas City, MO 64118, Attn.: Susan Vogel.

GETTIN THERE

by TOM DOLAN

DREAMS DON'T LIE

Harold's house hadn't been painted in fifty years. His yard was full of weeds, his porch obscured by vines. Inside, the place smelled of dust, old books, and clocks.

Marble, onyx, and ebony clocks; ornate hand-carved mahogany and walnut clocks stood on every available surface. A stately grandfather with wooden works and a dial that showed the phases of the moon had a place of honor at the head of the stairs.

A cacophony of bells and chimes broke the smalltown silence four times each hour, 24 hours each day. Harold said the ticking and chiming of a hundred clocks made the house seem less empty.

The big old place had been built by Harold's dad, with money he made during the war (the Civil War, that is). Portraits of the patriarch and his wife hung in the diningroom over a Hepplewhite sideboard crafted by a more distant forebear.

When Harold's health began to fail, a small inheritance enabled him to retire from the post office. After thirty-five years of civil service, he still had to watch his pennies.

A 1940 Dodge sat on flat tires in the driveway. Harold called a cab when it was necessary to shop. Except for weekly trips to the store, he seldom left the house.

On a rare trip to Boston, Harold bought an FM radio that picked up the only classical station in the area. In two decades it had not been necessary for him to move the dial. He turned on the Grundig first thing in the morning and turned it off on his way to bed.

When I had known him a year or two, Harold told me about a romance that had brightened his life: marriage to his childhood sweetheart, Martha.

Martha's first husband, a New Yorker who made a fortune on paper, had been a more aggressive, a more ambitious man than Harold. When he jumped from the highest window on Wall Street, Martha returned home. Harold met her at the train station. They were married in less than a week.

Unfortunately, Martha was "taken," as Harold put it, by influenza that same winter. And Harold was forced to resume his quiet bachelor existence. Mornings he set off down the hill to the post office. Evenings he trudged up the same hill to his house, his clocks, his music, and his memories.

Bland as his life may have appeared to outsiders, Harold experienced it as adventure. He read the Boston papers daily and wrote letters to leading politicians and artists. He said he had "trunkfuls" of replies from people like Roosevelt, Millay, and O'Neil.

But it was only when I had known him some fifteen years that Harold was able to tell me about a boyhood friend and a recurring dream that disturbed and delighted him.

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In Harold's dream it was always the hottest day of the year, perfect weather for a plunge in the old "flume."

Wally, a skinny kid with flocks of copper freckles, wastes no time hurling his clothes onto the ground and taking a running leap from an enormous boulder. He hits the water like a projectile.

Harold removes his clothes one piece at a time and folds them in a neat pile. He follows his friend into the water with a slow-motion dive, which cuts like the proverbial knife.

When Harold emerges from the water, he looks for Wally but doesn't see him. Harold is frightened. He wonders if Wally is unconscious on the stony riverbottom.

Harold is about to panic when, suddenly, Wally has him by the legs. The boy works his way up his friend's struggling body.

Harold feels something he never felt before. Something deliciously soft and warm attaches itself to him. Wally's mouth. Harold is stunned by the sensation.

All too soon Wally explodes from the water, choking and gasping for air, but laughing too.

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In Harold's eighty-fifth year, a young couple appeared on the doorstep and asked if the house was for sale. They said they thought it had "possibilities."

Sure, the sills were rotted away; and it looked like it needed a new roof, new wiring, insulation, and a central-heating system. But they were do-it-yourselfers. Harold's old house was exactly what they had been looking for.

Mary, the pretty young wife, was three months pregnant. The baby would come in the spring, she said. John, the sturdy husband, was a teacher at the new consolidated high school. They were an attractive couple.

Even so, Harold was unable to invite them in. How could he? The parlor hadn't been painted or papered in half a century.

Several visits later, however, the couple's persistence paid off. Harold invited them in for tea.

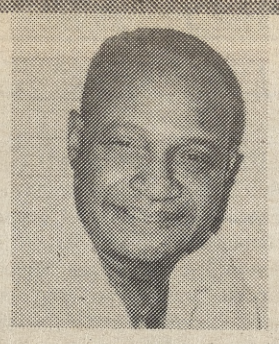
John pronounced the sills and raftrs salvageable, while Mary oo'd and ah'd at woodwork and fireplaces. Over steaming cups of gunpowder tea, a deal was struck.

Harold would purchase a trailer. He would have no trouble disposing of the contents of the house, particularly the clocks, which antique dealers had coveted for a quarter of a century. In a smaller place, he wouldn't really need them.

Shortly after, all three—John, Mary, and Harold—sat down with a country lawyer, John went to work on the old house.

There on his aluminum ladder stood John, sleeves rolled high on muscular arms as he scraped, then painted the thirsty old clapboards. When he wasn't sorting and packing, Harold parted the curtains to watch.

Then, inexplicably, Harold finds himself asking John—or is it Wally?—would he like to go for a plunge in the old "flume?" It is, after all, the hottest day of the year.



ERNIE BROWN

VIEWS FROM RIVER CITY

SACRAMENTO

Listen up! I am back. Sorry that I didn't get an article in the January issue of the Patlar, but I was away on a Christmas Holiday. Another thing, I had 'writer's cramp'. However. I had a nice holiday. Hope yours were too. Well, we just got back from Reno. About sixty of us went up to attend their Duke and Duchess ball. It was wonderful...and to add icing to the cake, Sacramento's presentation won first place, thanks to our Duke Alli & our Duchess LaKish. I cannot forget the one (the real one) that we owe a 'thank you' to: it was our director Richelle. Sweetheart, you did a wonderful job... strict directions, but it paid off. Sacramento has a lot to be proud of... we have a lot of talent here. There are a lot of things happening here in Sacto. Michael Greer is coming to Cleo's...check with them for dates. Faces is bringing Pat Montclair & Shannon to their club. Check with them also for their dates. I am planning a bus trip to the Russian River, two days around February 28th. Listen up!!! If you are interested in this trip, please get in touch with me as soon as possible. I need to know real soon, so I can make arrangements. The fare will be about $60-$65 including: round trip to the Russian River, a barbeque, a dinner (anything on the menu: steaks, seafood, chicken, prime rib... the list goes on and on), overnight stay in a condominium (mountain lodge), a buffet on our way back to Sacramento (We stop in Vallejo for a buffet at one of the bars), and a party (cocktails) at the home of a Russian River bar owner. It will be a ball, trust me! So if any of the above sounds like your cup of tea, get in touch with me at the Merk, or Ralph at Faces. Randi (our Empress), we miss you. Get well soon. The Capricorn party at the Merk last month was a great success. The Merk is planning a Pisces party for all of you Pisceans. Sign up now if you are a Pisces. Mike Leek: we miss you. Get back with us soon. Congratulations to the Incredible Edible on their new look. Don't forget Beaus (originally Scandals/Bo-Jangles) is serving delicious brunches every Sunday. Watch out for a new bar that's opening soon in West Sacramento. Announcements on opening date will be forthcoming. A little thought for bar owners: a bar is only as good as its bartenders. Think about that when you make choices. A thought for bartenders, you're only as good as your customers (not better, as good as)...think about that!

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GAMES

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Unscramble the letters and see what wise saying he has for us.

*Several possibilities here, but the Wiz only likes one.

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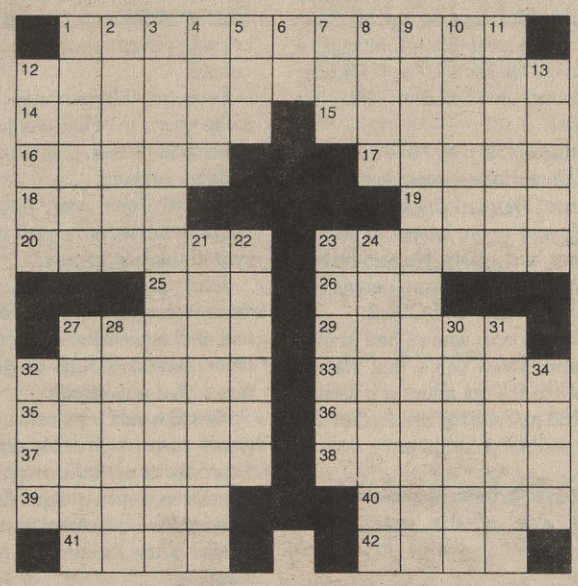
"CUPID'S ARROW"



ACROSS

1. Archer sign
12. Fallen leaves do it (2 wds.)
14. Scratch
15. Place to put large house (2 wds.)
16. Gen./Pres. father
17. Kind of brown
18. Constantine's birthplace
19. African tribe
20. Tiberius' heavenly nickname (2 wds.)
23. Need a drink
25. Object that dangles
26. Minister (abbr.)
27. What a soldier blows
29. Sports place
32. Do it for $
33. Strike out
35. Exercise intuition (wd. & inits.)
36. Pub. head
37. Free services (2 wds.)
38. Lounge things
39. Latrine chore (init. & wd.)
40. Principle
41. Amt. of gas (2 abbr.)
42. Elbe tributary

DOWN

1. Blow? (2 wds.)
2. Something you don't want to be under
3. Snapping mouth has them (2 wds.)
4. Gov't. depts. (2 abbr.)
5. Foot part
6. Fr. painter inits.
7. Much ____ about...
8. Divorce place
9. Lazy existences (2 wds.)
10. Bow & arrow guy
11. Lack of commies (2 wds.)
12. Dynasty people
13. Farm cat's chore
21. Target center
22. Brews tea
23. Exchanged
24. Family pass-on
27. Strange way to clean tables (2 wds.)
28. Handy
30. Grab ass (2 wds.-Eng. & Fr.)
31. Guy who makes amends

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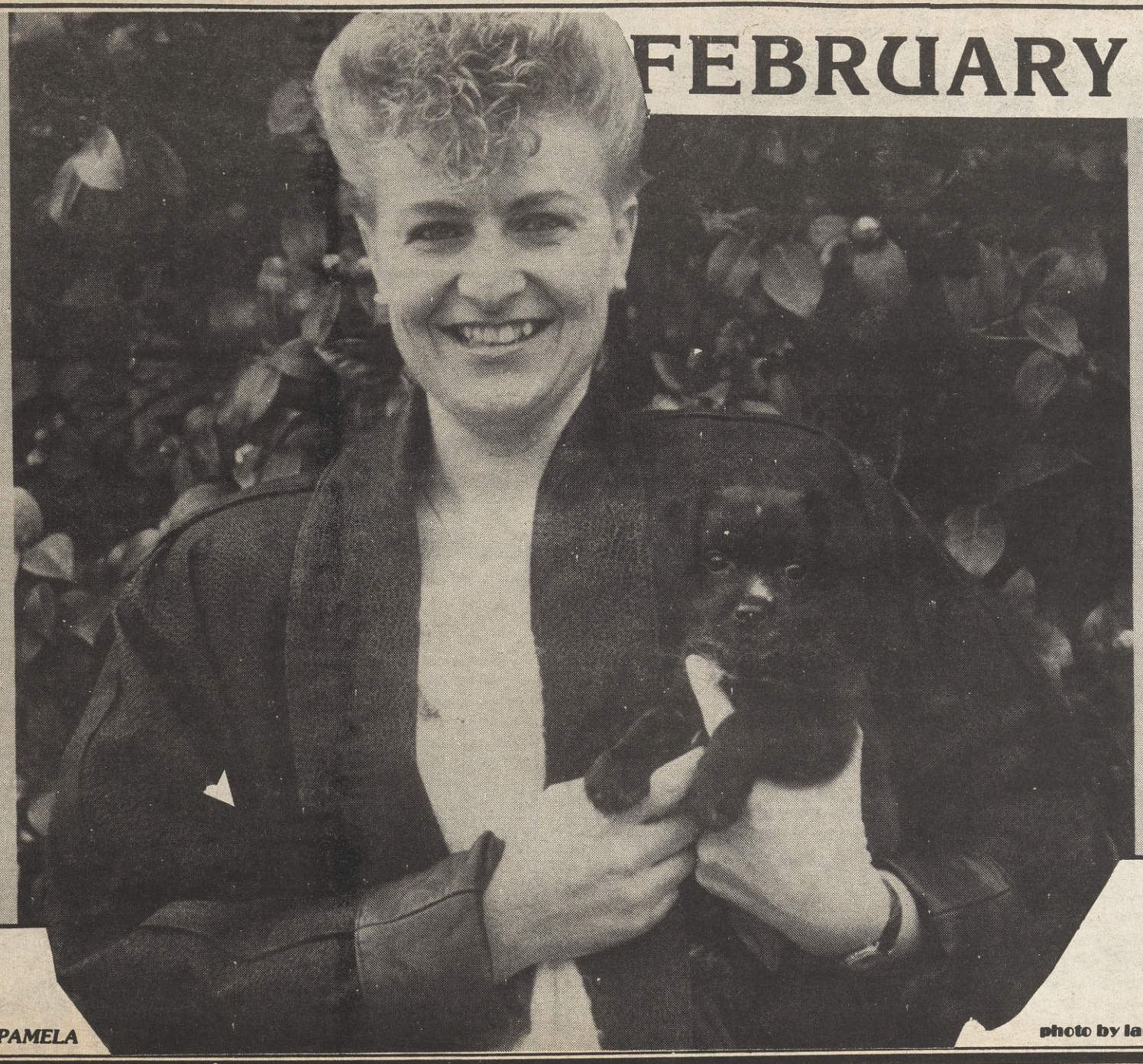

Her name! PAMELA

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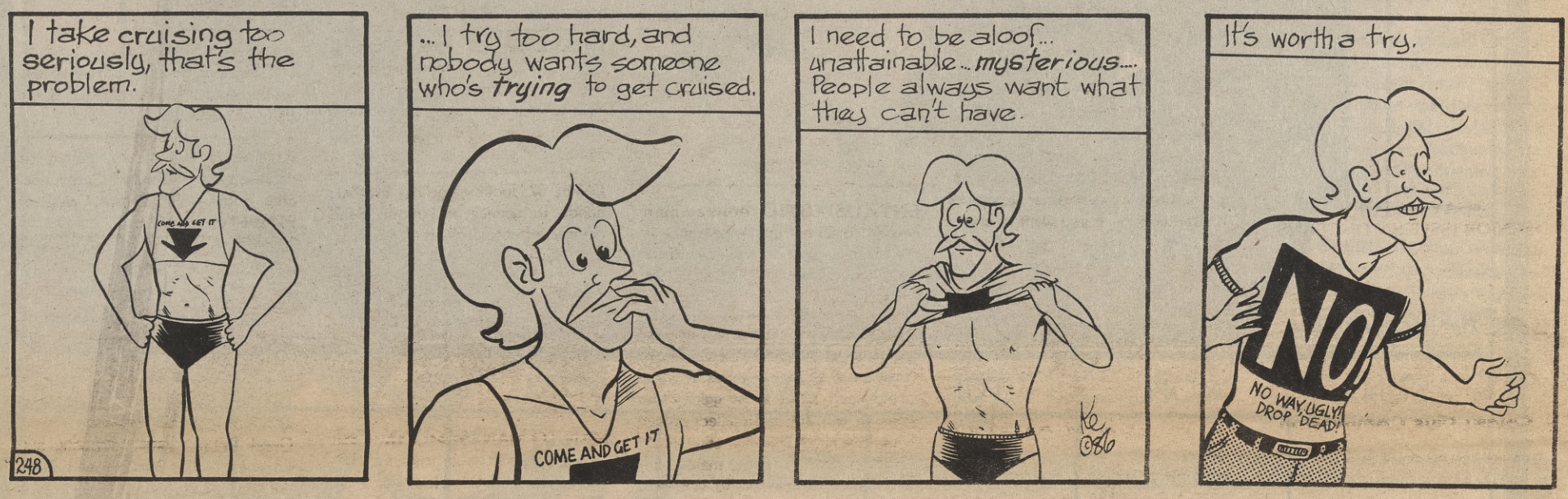
I take cruising too seriously, that's the problem.
COME AND GET IT
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...I try too hard, and nobody wants someone who's trying to get cruised.
COME AND GET IT
I need to be aloof... unattainable... mysterious.... People always want what they can't have.
Ke 086
It's worth a try.
NO!
NO WAY, UGLY! DROP DEAD!

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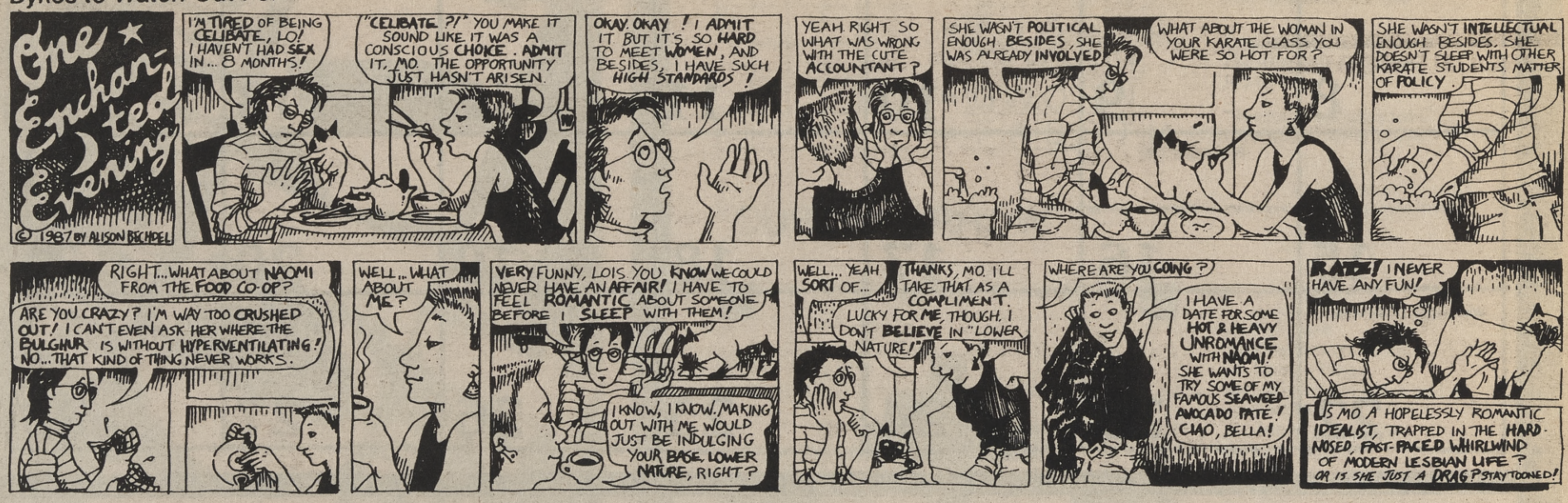
One Enchanted Evening
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I'M TIRED OF BEING CELIBATE, LO! I HAVEN'T HAD SEX IN... 8 MONTHS!
"CELIBATE ?!" YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE IT WAS A CONSCIOUS CHOICE. ADMIT IT, MO. THE OPPORTUNITY JUST HASN'T ARISEN.
OKAY, OKAY ! I ADMIT IT BUT IT'S SO HARD TO MEET WOMEN, AND BESIDES, I HAVE SUCH HIGH STANDARDS !
YEAH RIGHT SO WHAT WAS WRONG WITH THE CUTE ACCOUNTANT ?
SHE WASN'T POLITICAL ENOUGH. BESIDES, SHE WAS ALREADY INVOLVED.
WHAT ABOUT THE WOMAN IN YOUR KARATE CLASS YOU WERE SO HOT FOR ?
SHE WASN'T INTELLECTUAL ENOUGH. BESIDES, SHE DOESN'T SLEEP WITH OTHER KARATE STUDENTS. MATTER OF POLICY.
RIGHT... WHAT ABOUT NAOMI FROM THE FOOD CO-OP?
ARE YOU CRAZY? I'M WAY TOO CRUSHED OUT! I CAN'T EVEN ASK HER WHERE THE BULGHUR IS WITHOUT HYPERVENTILATING! NO... THAT KIND OF THING NEVER WORKS.
WELL... WHAT ABOUT ME ?
VERY FUNNY, LOIS. YOU KNOW WE COULD NEVER HAVE AN AFFAIR! I HAVE TO FEEL ROMANTIC ABOUT SOMEONE BEFORE I SLEEP WITH THEM!
I KNOW, I KNOW. MAKING OUT WITH ME WOULD JUST BE INDULGING YOUR BASE, LOWER NATURE, RIGHT?
WELL... YEAH SORT OF...
THANKS, MO. I'LL TAKE THAT AS A COMPLIMENT.
LUCKY FOR ME, THOUGH. I DON'T BELIEVE IN "LOWER NATURE!"
WHERE ARE YOU GOING ?
I HAVE A DATE FOR SOME HOT & HEAVY UNROMANCE WITH NAOMI! SHE WANTS TO TRY SOME OF MY FAMOUS SEAWEED AVOCADO PATÉ! CIAO, BELLA!
RATS! I NEVER HAVE ANY FUN!
IS MO A HOPELESSLY ROMANTIC IDEALIST, TRAPPED IN THE HARD-NOSED, FAST-PACED WHIRLWIND OF MODERN LESBIAN LIFE? OR IS SHE JUST A DRAG? STAY TOONED!

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HELP! I'm trapped in a classified ad. I'm a GWM 165#, 5'10", yg 40s, blue eyes and brown hair, live in Sacramento and would like to meet others who live in the same area. I'm not a bar-oriented person. If you are interested in setting me free, please write. All responses will be answered. Write Patlar Ad 2-01, c/o PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822.

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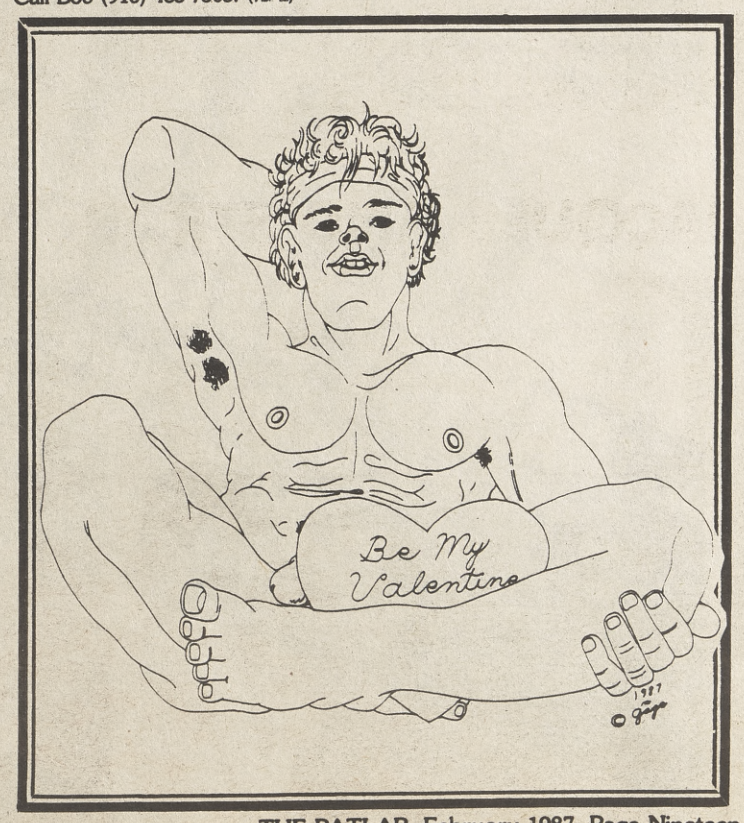

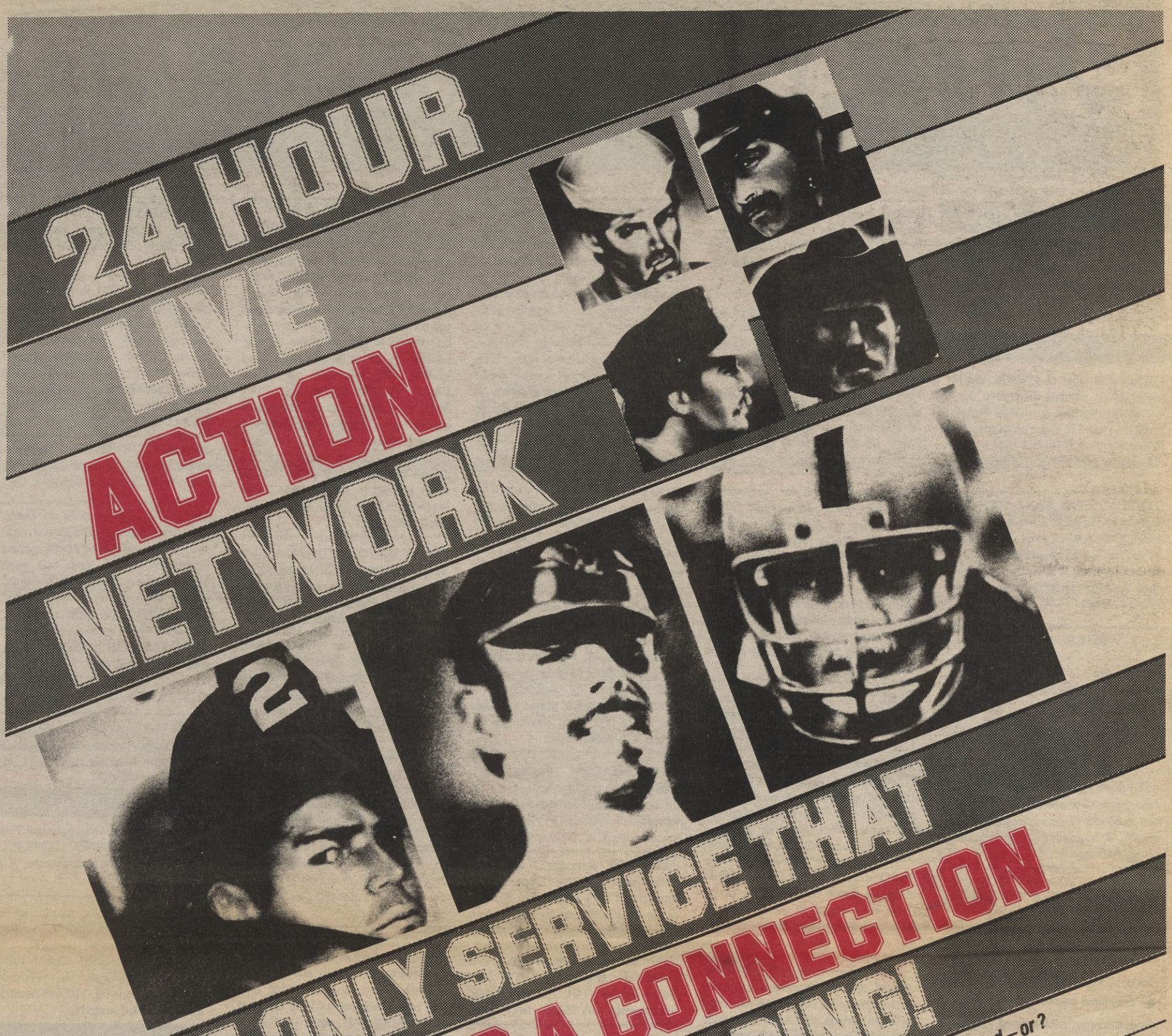

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